

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of treating cancer in a dog, comprising the step of feeding the dog a therapeutic agent comprising a vitamin D analog.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the vitamin D analog is selected from the group consisting of $1\alpha,25\text{-}(\text{OH})_2\text{D}_3$, $1\alpha,25\text{-}(\text{OH})_2\text{-}16\text{-ene-23-yne-D}_3$ (analog V), and $1\alpha,25\text{-}(\text{OH})_2\text{-}22,24\text{-diene-24,26,27-trihomo-D}_3$ (EB 1089) and stereoisomers thereof.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein the vitamin D analog is $1\alpha,25\text{-}(\text{OH})_2\text{D}_3$ and stereoisomers thereof.

4. The method of claim 2, wherein the vitamin D analog is $1\alpha,25\text{-}(\text{OH})_2\text{-}16\text{-ene-23-yne-D}_3$ (analog V) and stereoisomers thereof.

5. The method of claim 2, wherein the vitamin D analog is $1\alpha,25\text{-}(\text{OH})_2\text{-}22,24\text{-diene-24,26,27-trihomo-D}_3$ (EB 1089) and stereoisomers thereof.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the vitamin D analog is administered in combination with a bone agent, a cytotoxic agent, an immuno response regulating agent, an antiinflammatory agent or combinations thereof.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein the vitamin D analog is administered orally in encapsulated form in a liquid vehicle ingestible by the dog.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the dog is fed from about 0.025 to about 500 nmol/kg of body weight of the patient per day of the vitamin D analog.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the dog is fed from about 0.025 to about 100 nmol/kg of body weight of the patient per day of the vitamin D analog.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein the dog is fed from about 0.025 to about 10 nmol/kg of body weight of the patient per day of the vitamin D analog.

11. The method of claim 9, wherein the dog is fed from about 0.025 to about 1.0 nmol/kg of body weight of the patient per day of the vitamin D analog.

5 12. The method of claim 1, wherein the dog is fed a therapeutically efficacious dosage of a vitamin D analog.

13. A food for dogs comprising a vitamin D analog.

14. The food of claim 13, wherein the vitamin D analog is selected from the group consisting of $1\alpha,25-(OH)_2D_3$, $1\alpha,25-(OH)_2-16-ene-23-yne-D_3$ (analog V), and $1\alpha,25-(OH)_2-22,24\text{-diene-}24,26,27\text{-trihomo-}D_3$ (EB 1089) and stereoisomers thereof.

10 15. The food of claim 13, wherein the vitamin D analog is $1\alpha,25-(OH)_2D_3$ and stereoisomers thereof.

16. The food of claim 13, wherein the vitamin D analog is $1\alpha,25-(OH)_2-16-ene-23-yne-D_3$ (analog V) and stereoisomers thereof.

15 17. The food of claim 13, wherein the vitamin D analog is $1\alpha,25-(OH)_2-22,24\text{-diene-}24,26,27\text{-trihomo-}D_3$ (EB 1089) and stereoisomers thereof.